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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: THREAT LIBREVILLE MISSION

ADDIS ABABA FOR RMO AND RSS: KINSHASA FOR RSO

REF: LIBREVILLE 1140 AND 1148

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES INFORMATION IN REFTELS AND CONCURS WITH PRECAUTIONARY ACTION TAKEN BY CHARGE TO IMPROVE SECURITY POSTURE OF THE POST.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE JAPANESE RED ARMY IS PREPARING ANY OPERATIONS IN AFRICA, HOWEVER, SINCE TERRORIST GROUPS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO STRIKE AT U.S. TARGETS IN THE PAST, WE ENCOURAGE MISSION TO REMAIN ALERT.

3. A/SY/FO DESK OFFICER HAS REVIEWED POST'S SITUATION WITH AMBASSADOR MCKESSON AND HAS RECOMMENDED (1) THAT AT LEAST TWO LOCAL GUARDS BE HIRED FOR NIGHT TIME GUARD
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DUTY AT THE RESIDENCE PLUS ONE DAY TIME GUARD; (2) THAT

THE GOG BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE BODYGUARD TO ACCOMPANY THE AMBASSADOR ON HIS TRIPS ABOUT TOWN; (3) THAT A 24-HOUR RADIO WATCH BE SET UP AT THE EMBASSY THAT CAN MONITOR ANY CALLS WHICH THE AMBASSADOR MIGHT MAKE ON THE NET; (4) THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAVE A RADIO INSTALLED IN HIS VEHICLE OR CARRY A PORTABLE RADIO WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES; (5) THAT EMBASSY REVIEW ITS VISITOR CONTROL AT THE EMBASSY AND INSURE SCREENING OF PERSONS AND PACKAGES ENTERING EMBASSY; (6) EMBASSY SHOULD REVIEW ITS ANTI-TERRORIST PLANS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO SEE THAT ALL PERSONNEL ARE FAMILIAR WITH WHAT IS REQUIRED FROM THEM IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY EMERGENCIES.

4. RSO IS REQUESTED TO VISIT POST TO ASSIST WITH REVIEW OF THE ANTI-TERRORIST PLANS AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. RSO IS REQUESTED TO TRANSFER TWENTY-FIVE ROUNDS OF 12 GAUGE SHELLS TO LIBREVILLE FOR THE SHOTGUNS BEING POUCHED THIS DATE.

5. A/SY IS ARRANGING TO SHIP TWO ARMOR KITS TO BE INSTALLED IN THE COM VEHICLE AND ONE OTHER CAR. POST IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE A/SY WHEN ARMOR IS AT POST SO SEABEE CAN BE DISPATCHED TO ARMOR VEHICLES.

6. THE FOLLOWING GEAR WILL BE SHIPPED TO POST AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED FROM SUPPLIERS:

- A. 1 UZI SUB-MACHINE GUN
 - B. 12 TEAR GAS GRENADES
 - C. 1 TAC KIT (TEAR GAS, TEAR GAS LAUNCHERS AND SUPPLIES)
 - D. 10 MK III MACE
 - E. 12 MK V MACE
 - F. 6 MK VII MACE BATONS
 - G. 10 GAS MASKS
 - H. 7 ARMOR VESTS
 - I. 2 AUTO ALARMS
 - J. 1200 RDS. 39 AMMUNITION
 - 400 RDS. 9MM AMMUNITION
 - 600 RDS 12 GAUGE AMMUNITION
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7. RSO SHOULD SEND THE DEPARTMENT A TELEGRAPHIC ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION WITH A SUMMARY OF ANY ADDITIONAL SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH HE MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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